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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARSHALL GREEN FROM AMBASSADOR
MIDDENDORF

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL ON PRC

1. MARSHALL: FORMER PRIMINISTER PIET DE JONG, A STAUNCH FRIEND OF THE US AND CONSISTENT SUPPORTER OF US POLICY IN VIETNAM, HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN RECENT MONTHS IN PROVIDING EMBASSY WITH PRIVILEGED INFORMATION AND INTERPRETATIVE INSIGHTS ON TOURTUROUS PROCESS OF FORMING NEW DUTCH GOVT. WE ALSO HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE IS USING HIS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE TO END THE NEW GOVT, WHATEVER ITS INTERNAL COMPOSITION, WILL BE FULLY AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT COMMON US- DUTCH INTERESTS IN SECURITY, TRADE AND MONETARY MATTERS.

2. AT END OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH DCM TODAY, DE JONG SAID THERE WAS ONE MATTER ON WHICH EMBASSY COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE, AS DCM HAD OFFERED. THIS WAS IN CONNECTION WITH INVITATION TO DUTCH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO VISIT PRC AT SOME UNSPECIFIED TIME IN FUTURE. DE JONG REFERRED TO WHAT HE HAD READ ABOUT THE VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTATION ASSEMBLED FOR THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO CHINA LAST YEAR AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE FOR WHATEVER DOCUMENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT WE COULD OBTAIN FOR HIM TO PASS ON TO PARLIAMENTARIANS. DCM REPLIED THAT WE WOULD RELAY HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY, AND ADDED THAT PACKAGE MIGHT INCLUDE COPIESOF " CHINA ATLAS" ISSUED BY GPO WHICH EMBASSY HAD FURNISHED FOREIGN MINISTRY SOME MONTHS AGO.

3. IN ADDITION TO CHINA ATLAS I WOULD BE GRATEFUL, MARSHALL, IF YOU COULD ARRANGE FOR BRIEFING MATERIALS TO BE SENT TO EMBASSY
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THE HAGUE ON POLITICAL SITUATION, ECONOMY, DEFENSE FORCES,
CULTURAL LIFE AND ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF PRC TODAY.
SINCE THIS MATERIAL WILL BE PUT INTO HANDS OF DUTCH PARLIAMENT-
ARIANS, IT SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED OR CARRY ONLY VERY LOW CLASS-
IFICATION. WARM REGARDS.
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